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GENEVA FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG

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SUBJ: STIMULATING MOVEMENT ON VAROSHA

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1. MFA SECGEN ELEKDAG CALLED IN CHARGE ON SUNDAY, JULY 9, TO EXPRESS GOT CONCERN THAT VAROSHA PROPOSALS WERE NOT BEING HANDLED IN WAY THAT WOULD PERMIT THEM TO ACHIEVE THE TWO PURPOSES FOR WHICH THEY WERE DESIGNED: (A) TO MAKE AN IMPACT ON CONGRESSIONAL AND WORLD PUBLIC OPINION; AND (B) TO HELP STIMULATE THE RESUMPTION OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS.

2. ELEKDAG SAID GOT'S CONCERN WAS BASED ON CABLE FROM
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TURKISH UN MISSION REPORTING MEETING WITH GUYER AND SHERRY OF UN SECRETARIAT, WHO HAD PROPOSED SCENARIO ALONG LINES PARA 4 REF B (MAKING CALER IT HAD NOT BEEN CLEARED BY WALDHEIM). "FROM THIS (SCENARIO) WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE WHOLE VAROSHA EFFORT IS GOING TO FAIL," ELEKDAG SAID. IF THE GREEK CYPRIOTS ARE INVOLVED IN SUCH A SCENARIO, AND IF THE UNSYG DECLINES TO MAKE THE TURKISH PROPOSALS

HIS OWN, GREEK CYPRIOT FOOT DRAGGING WILL BE INEVITABLE RESULT. CONSEQUENTLY, IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO GET THE PROPOSALS INTO PUBLIC PLAY IN TIME FOR USEFUL EFFECT IN CONGRESS AND IN STARTING TALKS. "THEREFORE," HE SAID, "OUR MAIN PURPOSES WON'T BE ACHIEVED. FURTHERMORE, A VERY IMPORTANT TRUMP CARD IS GOING TO BE WASTED. IT WILL BE AN UNRECIPROCATED, UNREQUITED MOVE."

3. ANALYSZING THE UN SECRETARIAT'S SCENARIO PROPOSAL, ELEKDAG SAID IT SEEMED "AN UNHEALTHY WAY OF DEALING WITH THE PROPOSALS". INSTEAD OF USING THE VAROSHA PROPOSALS TO GET INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS STARTED, THE TALKS WOULD BE USED TO GET A DISCUSSION ON VAROSHA. AN INTER-CYPRIOT DISCUSSION OF THE FUTURE STATUS OF VAROSHA WAS AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT CONCEPT FROM WHAT THE GOT HAD PROPOSED, WHICH WAS NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS AND THE UN ON INTERIM ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR VAROSHA. IF THE SCENARIO WERE APPLIED, THE GREEK CYPRIOTS WOULD SEEK TO GET "PRE-NEGOTIATIONS" ON VAROSHA--AN OLD TACTIC OF THEIRS. SUMMING UP, ELEKDAG SAID THAT IF THE SCENARIO WERE ADOPTED, THE RESULT WOULD BE THAT NEITHER OF THE MAJOR PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE TURKISH VAROSHA PROPOSALS WERE MADE--CONGRESSIONAL IMPACT AND STARTING INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS--WOULD BE REACHED.

4. ELEKDAG SAID HE WANTED TO EMPHASIZE THREE IMPORTANT POINTS:
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(A) "OUR COMMON OBJECTIVE OF MAKING AN IMPACT ON CONGRESS WITH PROPOSALS THAT WERE APPROPRIATE BOTH IN FORM AND IN TIMING"; (B) TURKISH OPPOSITON TO "PRE-NEGOTIATIONS" WITH THE GREEK CYPRIOTS; AND (C) "WE WANT INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS, NOT SUPPLEMENTARY TALKS ON VAROSHA ONLY." HE ALSO NOTED GOT'S REGRET THAT PROPOSALS SO "DELICATE" HAD BEEN GIVEN DIRECTLY TO GUYER AND SHERRY.

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5. CONTINUING, ELEKDAG SAID THE GOT REQUESTED THAT SECRETARY VANCE AND OTHER ADMINISTRATION LEADERS START AN EFFORT TO PERSUADE WALDHEIM TO MOVE QUICKLY TO ISSUE THE TURKISH PROPOSALS AS HIS OWN. "WE EXPECT THIS OF YOU", HE SAID, SO THAT OUR MUTUAL EFFORT TO MAKE AN IMPACT ON CONGRESS WILL SUCCEED. HE NOTED THAT NOT MUCH TIME WAS LEFT BEFORE POSSIBLE SENATE VOTE. "WE WOULD LIKE TO LEARN SOMETHING FROM YOU ABOUT WHAT YOU ARE DOING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE", HE CONCLUDED.

6. CHARGE SAID THAT WE HAD NOT YET RECEIVED A REPORT ON ANY DISCUSSION OF THE PROPOSALS WITH WALDHEIM HIMSELF. (WE HAD INFORMED MFA JULY 7 OF EFFORT TO CONTACT WALDHEIM IN VIENNA, AS INSTRUCTED PARA 5 REF A) HE SAID HE WOULD CONVEY THE GOT'S POSITION TO THE DEPARTMENT.

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7. COMMENT: THE GOT CLEARLY HAS NOT CHANGED ITS CONVICTION THAT, AS WE WERE TOLD WHEN THEIR PROPOSALS WERE GIVEN US (ANKARA 4918), THE KEY TO SUCCESS OF THEIR PROPOSALS IS IN WALDHEIM'S CALLING ON BOTH COMMUNITIES TO ACCEPT THEM. EQUALLY CLEARLY, THE GOT EXPECTS US, SINCE WE ORIGINATED THE VAROSHA EFFORT AND HAVE OFTEN CALLED ON THEM FOR HELP IN PERSUADING CONGRESS, TO GIVE MAXIMUM SUPPORT TO THEIR PROPOSALS AT THIS CRITICAL TIME.

8. WE ASSUME THAT THERE ARE MANY FACTORS BEARING ON THE DEPARTMENT'S HANDLING OF THIS ISSUE THAT WE CANNOT JUDGE. BUT AS REGARDS OUR OWN AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE TURKS ARE WATCHING WHETHER WHAT THEY

HAVE PUT INTO THIS COOPERATIVE EFFORT WILL BE MATCHED
BY US. IF IN THEIR EYES WE FAIL TO RECIPROcate, THEY
ARE LIkely TO BE MUCH LESS WILLING TO PUT THEMSELVES OUT
NEXT TIME WE MAKE A SIMILAR REQUEST FOR HELP WITH CONGRESS
AND IN GETTING CYPRUS TALKS RESTARTED.

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